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Dear ACMP Participant:

RE: City of Thorne Bay's Coastal Management Plan, Final Plan Amendment

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP) has completed its review of the City of Thorne Bay's Coastal Management Plan, Final Plan Amendment (FPA) for compliance with AS 46.40, 11 AAC 112, and 11 AAC 114. OPMP commends the City of Thorne Bay on the substantial effort of the coastal district coordinator and the citizens of the community to revise its coastal management plan in accordance with House Bill 191 (Chapter 24, SLA 2003).

In accordance with 11 AAC 114.345(g)(2), OPMP's preliminary recommendations consist of either (1) approving the request in whole or in part; (2) approving the request if the district makes each change that OPMP requires; or (3) identifying that the request is outside the scope of the amendments under this section.

Preliminary Recommendation on the Final Plan Amendment, including the Enforceable Policy Analysis Table and Designated Area Analysis Table, contain OPMP's preliminary comments and recommendations to the DNR Commissioner on the approvability of the FPA. These documents are available at: <http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us/District/html/ProgressFinal.htm>.

The Preliminary Recommendation on the Final Plan Amendment is provided to the DNR Commissioner as an analysis of the required changes, whether those changes comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) statutes and regulations, and whether OPMP recommends approval of those changes. As well, OPMP also provides recommended changes to the FPA to maximize the clarity and effectiveness of the FPA.

You may comment on the City of Thorne Bay's Coastal Management Plan amendments and DNR's Analysis and Preliminary Recommendation on the Final Plan Amendment by submitting written comments to David Gann, Office of Project Management and Permitting, 302 Gold Street, P.O. Box 111030, Suite 202, Juneau, AK 99801-1030. Written comments may also be sent via email to david_gann@dnr.state.ak.us or via fax to (907) 465-3075. The written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on May 29, 2006.

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To download a copy of the City of Thorne Bay's Coastal Management Plan amendment and DNR's Preliminary Recommendation on the Final Plan Amendment, please go to www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us. You may also request a copy of the documents from David Gann at (907)-465-3529.

Sincerely yours,



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